

A Secret Service Specter

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At the time the foreign legations were shut up in Peking and the united armies of the powers went there to ity, and they ran. free them, with the American army was a soldler by the name of Higgins. He had become stagestruck when quite young and had joined the supers in a theater. He had never risen as an ac- there at a distance by Chinamen who tor, but had been put in charge of the had witnessed the horrible magic and. properties. From the theater he had though curious, did not dare come very gone forth as an assistant to a presti- near. By the time he was nearing the digitator and become sufficiently ex- end of his journey quite a crowd was pert to take his principal's place in following him. When they came too and galloped down the dirt road along case of necessity. The prestidigitator near he would draw a circle of flame died, and Higgins was stranded. Then with his cane or spit fire at them. he enlisted in the army

notter. It was desirable to know what came on its hat seemed to be continfrom the ordnance department and cer- out and it was seen no more. tain materials from other sources he would undertake to bring the information. He succeeded in gaining what passed in without the countersign. He he wanted and, dressing himself in a gave the result of his observations to

Walking along a road with no other party of Chinese Boxers. Since Higtheir enemies the Chinamen were dis- ferent interpretations. posed to chop him up at once, but they couldn't understand his queer costume. There is not a more superstitious race in the world than the Chinese unless it is certain low grade Mohammedans. As the Boxers approached Higgins, seeing him come right along without fear, their courage began to coze out at their finger ends They stopped and waited for him to come up. Higgins tossed a little sphere as big as a marble among them. which exploded, and, though it did no harm, it scattered them. They turned and saw the stranger marching on silently like a specter. He raised his hat, and every hair on his head stood

The next lot of Boxers he met were bolder. They blocked the road and cried out something in Chinese which Higgins didn't understand. Higgins stopped. One of the Chinamen advanced, while the others slunk back. When he got within a few yards of the strange apparition it drew an imaginary circle of fire about it with the end of its cane.

straight up. That took what courage

The advancing man retreated on his

supports. One of the Boxers now brought a gun to his shoulder and fired at Higgins. It was a close call for the soldier, for the bullet whistled within an inch of his ear. Had not the Boxer who fired been affected by superstition he would probably have killed his man. Higgins didn't lose his presence of mind, but turned the incident to his advantage. He stood with his lips parted and drawn so that his enemies could see the ball they had fired held between his teeth. Then, taking it in his hand, he threw it among them. Had he

have scattered them more effectually. Higgins was now getting near the walls of the city and began to use his was-and they took a shine to each eyes. He also made notes and drawings. He had a pocket glass with him and found it valuable. While he was gazing a party of Chinese borsemen 'Will you go ridio' with me?' swept down on him. Though puried

thrown a hand grenade he couldn't

at his appearance, they kept on. Hig- got a feller, an' if I went ridin' with gins faced them and, opening his you he'd fill you full of holes." mouth, began to pull linked sausages from his mouth by the yard. This stopped them, but when the apparition | the chances I'll go with you." drew back a few yards and the Chinathe sausages exploded in their faces. Turning toward Higgins, they saw him demoniacally spitting fire at them. This was too much for their equanim-

Higgins now advanced as near as he soon after. dared to the walls of the city, made turned his face toward camp. On his way back the road was lined here and

Then the specter, or whatever it When the allied forces were working was, appeared to grow-at least its their way up to the walls of Peking an legs did-until at every step it gained American general wished for a secret a couple of yards. It continued to service man to go forward and recon- breathe out fire, and as the darkness obstructions were in the way, where ually burning without being consumed were the entrances, etc. No one could And so marched the illuminated giant, | yer gun out, Johnny.' be found to undertake the work till it the country round about filled with was mentioned to Higgins, who said fabbering wondering trembling Chinathat if he could get certain articles men, until finally all its lights went

Higgins appeared on the American picket line, but as he was expected he fantastic costume, started forth on foot his general and was duly thanked therefor. On the return of the troops to America he was made an officer for weapon than a light cane, he met a "gallant and meritorious conduct." which indicates that this army phrase gins was coming from the direction of is very elastic and admits of many dif-

THE RAILROAD CLERK

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"Y' can't never tell how a feller's goin' to show up for pluck," said Josh Coyne when we was drivin' across the plains, "till he's tried. When the Union Pacific was stretchin' itself westward from Omaha, with temporary terminals, sich as Julesburg, Larthere was in them, and he saw them amie and them kind, a little fellow come out from the east to take a position in the office. He wasn't more'n eighteen years old and was awful dandified. He wore one o' them collars they called chokers in them days because, I suppose, the men as wore 'em always looked as if they was bein' choked. They said he was the son o' one o' the men who was backin' up the road financially and had come out to learn the railroad business in these yere parts so's be could

> got to runnin' regular. "Everybody laughed at such a thing as that, for the boy wasn't more'n five feet five and not a sign of a beard. His bair was the color o' molasses candy, and his eyes was like two robins' eggs-jist a purty boy.

be one o' the managers when the road

"There was a ranch not far from the terminal, where this young felier-Johnny Bittern was his name-was slingin' ink on a high stool, on which there was the purtiest little gal you ever see. She was at the colt age, mostly legs and arms, but her face would make yer mouth water to look at. She and Johnny met somehow or other-I disremember jist where it

other right off. "'I got a horse and wagon my dad sent me from Chicago,' said John.

"'You'd come back dead if I did. I

"'Maybe I might shoot fust." "'I don't keer. Ef you want to take

"So that afternoon Johnny drove up men's hunger had conquered their to the house where Lizzle lived and ing McCord in the abdomen. Taking fears so far as to enable them to go tuk her into his wagon, and the two refuge behind a fence, he fired several forward to devour the precious meat went off just as if they was a grown
went off just as if they was a grown
billed. up man and woman,

"Ben Hackstaff was the feller that was courtin' Lizzie. When she and DIVIDE POISON IN Johnny started Ben was a-huntin' up some lost cows, but he come home

"'Ben,' said one o' his pais, 'yer gal's some valuable observations and then gone off to ride with that measly lit- Couple Send Treasures to Priends and tie tenderfoot in the railroad office."

"'Johnny Bittern?'

"'Yaas."

"'Which way?' " "That a-way."

decent funeral for Johnny.

"The children had gone as far as they wanted to and was comin' back when they saw Ben tearin' along towards 'em, furious,

" "There he comes,' says Lizzie. 'Git

"Johnny throwed the reins to her and took a revolver in each hand. Lizgie tuk the reins in one hand and put t'other one around him. She didn't think that Ben would dare shoot at Johnny so long as he might hit ber instead, though she took a risk, for Ben

was mad enough to shoot her too. "'Le' go,' said Johnny. "'I won't,' says Lizzie.

"By this time Ben was purty nigh. He fist tuk a deliberate aim at Johnny, and his builet passed between the two children's heads.

"That made Johnny mad. He let drive with Lizzle's arm around his waist, never mindin' the danger they was both in. He seemed to think the best way to protect her agin a man that would shoot as Ben had shot was to disable him as soon as possible. He had both arms stretched out for'ard. firin' from both pistols, at the same

time callin' on Lizzie to duck. "It may 'a' been that Ben on second thoughts was afraid o' hittin' the gai. Anyways, none o' his shots tuk effect. while nearly all o' Johnny's made holes in Ben. There wasn't none o' 'em that killed him at onct, but he lost so much blood that he dropped offen his hoss

and lay in the road as good as dead. "Some railroad men in a wagon come along about that time and seen Johnny

"'What you doin' that for?' they

down in the road a-kickin' a man lyin

"'He was a-shootin' at a gal,' said

Johnny, and with that he began kickin' "'You better git back into yer wagon

and drive the gal home; we'll look out for the corpse.' "Johnny give a last kick, then climb-

ed up beside Lizzie, and they driv off. "Jes' 's soon's the story got out in the town Johnny was elevated from a tenderfoot that wore chokers to a hero-Everybody was down on Ben Hackstaff for shootin' at Johnny so clost beside Lizzle and didn't give him no sort o' a funeral nohow. But they all thort Johnny was mighty right to git med about it and didn't blame him for kickin' the man when he was

"The story got east, and Johnny's father was tickled to death. He just boosted the boy as fast as he learned the business, and before he was twenty-five he was made a division superintendent. He's now the president of one o' the big systems. Lizzie's

Imagination causes more aches and neine than all other allments.-Bab-

RIDDLED NEGRO MURDERER

Officers Sent to Arrest, Find Him Barricaded

REFUSES TO SURRENDER

And Four Sheriffs Are Injured, One of Them Fatally, Before He Is Captured-Two Negroes Killed by Murderers.

negroes are dead and one is mortally means of an anonymous letter,"
"Because," answered the witness, "the wounded and four deputy sheriqs are wounded, one fatally, as the result of a murder, committed by one of the negroes yesterday on the Williams place, for the crime \$80, while the actual mur-21 miles south of here on the Mobile derers received only \$20 each!" road and a spectacular battle that fellowed an effort to capture the murder-

The dead: Tom Benson and Peter to ask for his indictment. Foils, both negroes.

The injured: Ike Primers, colored, fatally; Eugene Naftel, deputy, shot in Harry McCord, deputy, shot in the abdomen and will prohably die; Owen Ellis, deputy, shot in the eye; Alford, chauffeur, shot in shoulder, hand

Benson murdered Folls and shot and mortally wounded Primers at 9 o'clock yesterday morning. The cause of their trouble is unknown.

Sheriff Hood sent Deputy Sheriffs Benson was barricaded in his cabin, refusing to surrender and declaring he would die first. The officers opened fire on him and he returned it, wound-

ing Naftel. Sheriff Hood was telephoned for and he went out yesterday afternoon with Deputies McCord and Bridges. The posse again opened fire and an hour's battle Ellis and Alford were wounded

Failing to dislodge Benson by their continuous fire, the posse set fire to the cabin and when the cabin was filled with smoke, the negro stumbled through the door and was shot down. He picked himself up and returned the fire, wound-

THEIR DEATH PACT

Notify Them of Plans and Where Bodies Might Be Found.

"That a-way."

"Ben wheeled his hoss about so sudden that he come night throwin' him Harrington divided a vial of poison seeing colleague, the governor general loose, as the vaseline swells the wood them. Somehow they derive set on the bank of the Chanango river of the Soudan, Sir Reginald Wingate, and holds them. the railroad track. Them as seen him here Saturday and died together in a One of the greatest difficulties with go remarked that it was a pity there clump of trees. Harrington was a which the pioneers of the Soudan have was no parson in the town to make a widely known newspaper man, broken had to contend has been the constant throughout a long married life, Friends monly spoken of as sudd. For a disteceiving the farewell letters rushed to tance of 300 miles the Nile runs

> planned. by letter the bodies would be found in possible to secure fuel of any kind, "wood near the Chenango bridge," but subsequent inspection of the Har- addition to which, during the rainy and addressed them to old friends as up the channel, rendering it unfit for mementos.

> Two employes of a local newspaper | Cromer realized what a serious factor received the letters and as quickly as this was in the retardation of the depossible procured an automobile and velopment of the Soudan, and it was a rushed to the bridge, hoping to reach suggestion of his contained in one of the spot before it was too late. When his reports that led a German diplomatthe machine drew up there was sign of life in the prostrate forms. The empty vial lay between them.

ESCAPES

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MURDER OF THE CUOCCOLOS. Alfano Imagines That the Informer Had Bad Dreams

Viterbo, Italy, May 15.—The crown proseutor Saturday asked that Gennaro Abbatemaggio be indicted as an accomplice in the murder of Gennaro Cuoccolo and his wife. The request was founded on admissions made by Abbatemaggio during the session of the Camorrist trial, when he was again confronted by Enrico Alfano, charged with being the actual head of the Camorra. President Bianchi declined to make such an order.

Saturday's exchange between Abbate maggio and Alfano had to do chiefly with the actual murder of the Cuoc The informer repeated the circumstances already known. Alfano re-plied that he could only imagine that his accuser had had bad dreams. When Abatemaggio said that he had been originally selected as one of the assassins, but withdrew from participation in the crime because of his horror of the taking of human life, a lawyer for the defense, asked: "Then why, if you were so horrified, did you not warn Montgomery, Ala., May 15 .- Two Cuoccolo of the plot against him,

Camorra would have suspected and punished me."

"Why was your share of the reward

"Because either the Camorrists feared me or thought me useful." It was this last statement of the informer that led the crown prosecutor

IRATE HUSBAND BRANDS LOTHARD

St. Louis Man Victim of Red Hot Poker in the Hands of an Avenger.

St. Louis, May 15,-Esau Saffron, 26 Rives, Naftel and Ellis to the scene in years old, complained to the police Satan automobile. When they arrived, urday afternoon that he had been the victim of a savage conspiracy to brand and mutilate him with red-hot irons.

Samuel Frenn and Chales Aboud, who is an uncle of Frenn's wife, are accused of the crime, and Frenn admits burning Saffron. Both of them are under arrest. Frenn justified his act by charging Saffron had won the affections of Mrs. Frenn. Saffron is a nephew of Attorney Elias Saffron of St. Louis. Saffron charges Aboud and Frenn lured him to the Frenn home, 5,987 Wells ave-

Saffron says he was gagged and bound and dragged to the basement, where he was set upon by Aboud, while Frenn heated a poker red hot. Then the men burned two large crosses into his flesh and otherwise terribly mutilated him

NEW FUEL FOR EGYPT.

The Sudd of the Nile Manufactured Into Briquets. Experiments for the manufacture of

of the Nile have been taking place at of sinking to the bottom. Merseburg, in Germany, British capital (chiefly) is aided by German science, says the London Fiin bealth and finances, and his wife blocking of the natural highway, the been his devoted companion Nile by masses of werdy growth, comthe scene of the suicide, but death had through a huge morass, estimated to cover 35,000 square miles, which The double suicide had been carefully known as the sudd district. Through-Not only were friends told out the length of this reach it is as the river channel has no banks, in rington apartment showed they packed season, when gales are frequent, large their treasured belongings with care masses of sudd break away and block and even dangerous to navigation. Lord no ist. Herr von Rath, to conceive the idea. of utilizing this material in the form of a cheap local fuel. The price coal being as high at 66s (\$16) ton, and wood very little cheaper, encouraged the suggestion.

Negotiations were entered into with Sir Reginald Wingate, and small consignments of sudd were dispatched by the Soudan government to Berlin for experimental purposes. The results of these experiments were so far satisfactory that further negotiations were undertaken with the Soudan govern-ment. A considerable quantity of sudd was cut and brought back to Europe. and it was with the object of seeing this material converted into fuel that the experiments at Merseburg have The process is very been arranged. simple. The sudd is first dried and then put through a disintegrator, from which emerges in almost powdery when it is converted into briquets. The time occupied from the moment the Elwood, Ind.-"Your remedies have sudd enters the disintegrator to cured me and I have only taken six time it emerges as a briquet is only a The heating value I the new fuel is nearly two-thirds that of coal, while the briquets themselves months and could have a density of four-fifths that of The cost of manufacture fered all the time. stated to be comparatively small, and the use of the fuel in the Soudan would result in a saving of at least 50 per cent. on present fuel accounts. The Soudan government, which is financially interested in the matter, has already consented to grant valuable concession for the purpose of providing the Soudan with a really cheap and effective local fuel, which should lead to rapid development of the resources of this wonderful country.

PLEDGED TO ARBITRATION.

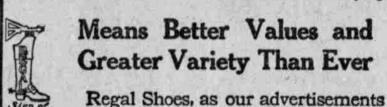
A 400 Member House of Commons Offers Support to the Movement.

London, May 13.—A committee representing four hundred members of the use of commons of all parties, organized for the purpose of giving support to the Anglo-American arbitration movement, met in the house yesterday and adopted a resolution pledging themselves to do all in their power to further the progress of the movement.

Lonesome.

Quinzy Bitty-Hallon, Joe! What's the wheelin' the barrow on Sunday for! Joe-Oh, the missis, she's away, and the dawg's deid, and a fellow looks such

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cover with thick sour milk. Let it stand half an hour, It will come out as bright as with polishing When chopping raisins,

over them, instead of flour.

If you want to turn screws or drive families that can least afford it Binghamton, N. Y., May 15. After nancial Times. These experiments are nails in soft or hard wood rub vaseline are apt to pile the most costly.

> If doughnuts are plunged into boiling water immediately upon being taken from the hot lard, they will be much more palatable and will keep soft muct longer. Care should be taken to

move the water from the fork before is putting back in the lard, as it will

Sleep an Aid to Beauty. Any number of women who are cutparlors could solve the riddle of appearing fresh and animated ould but make a practice of taking

the proper amount of sleep, The value of sleep as a restorative and as a fountain of youth is unbelievable until one has bathed regularly therein. It almost seems magic in its public school functions should be gauged effect, and many a woman who has discovered the secret is the envy and purse. Rutland News. admiration of her beauty parlor friends.

Nothing so adds to the years that have gone as hollow eyes, sallow complexion, drawn skin, the peculiar dazed and inert manner that comes with loss For this massage, hot comerly they must have interior nourishfew hours.

fore lasting. Eight hours for work, the old rule proportion. improved on this day be quiet, free from physical or milking purposes are those mental strain. Wear loose ural impulses and desires. Make it are ideal for suburban people. twenty-four.-Exchange.

The Gowns for Graduation,

tion of the gown for Miss Fluffiness, the sweet girl graduate, is a harassing problem in many homes just now. Cook all vegetables slowly to keep of the family goes without any new gown for the summer, so that youngster can have two for graduation

Formerly one good looking dress enabled a girl to climb on the social bandwagon for these scholastic functions. But increased power of discrimination in matters of clothes is costing us more dear to-day. For reasons unknown to Mere Man, a dress that is good enough to get your diploma in, and in which to undergo the critical ob sift sugar servation of friends, neighbors, trustees They will and school boards, is be much easier to chop and when used right to get by some of these auxilian the new fuel produced from the sudd in a cake will be in much less danger functions that cluster about the of the Nile have been taking place at of sinking to the bottom.

two frocks where one used to do. The worst of it is that it is them. Somehow they derive at tion from the e deavor to consince the neighbors that their income is do its actual figures. Consequently the must spend more money than wealth

neighbors, in order merely to prove that All this creates grinding pressure upon simple hearted people masquerade in any peacock feathers, but who strain themselves to the breaking point so that their beloved children

not seem too badly handicapped. When a girl walks on a platform all radiant in silks and satins, while her mother has been coarsening her hands ting ruthlessly into their allowance to at the wash tub to pay for them, there swell the cash drawer of the beauty is a grotesque and sickening incongruity that teachers, parents and school boards should unite to veto.

If anyone is to have the fine feathers, let the toiling mother have them, while the fledgeling does the wash tub act Among all sensible people, it is generally recognized that the expense of to the possibilities of the slenderest

Dorothy Dexter.

Milch Goats for Suburbanites.

Mr. J. C. Darst, who is secretary of the American Milch Goat Record, conpresses and the rest of the exterior treatments are but temporary alleviations. Animation, freshness of body He says "As a matter of fact, the goats, and spirit come from within, they are as it is commonly known in this country, radiant qualities, and to flourish propies not the creature that is depended upon for a milk supply here or abroad. Massaged beauty wears off in a For some years, there has been a more while the beauty that or less constant importation of foreign comes with sleep is natural and there goats of breeds known to be liberal milk producers. Some time ago, the government imported a shipment of goats from for sleep and eight hours for play is the Island of Malta for experimental Up to now no one has purposes; but the experiment proved When anything but a success, owing possible, it is well to take one day of physical condition of the animals. Probthe wek for absolute rest. Let this ably the most satisfactory goats for clothes, Switzerland, and known as Swiss milch think good thoughts, yield to the nat- goats, or Togenburg goats. These goats and inviolable rule to lie down flat, close can be kept in a small space, and the the eyes, leave the mind as clear as feed bill is hardly worth mentioning. possible and relax every muscle for at Although the amount of milk given is least five minutes every day. If you not large, this milk is exceedingly rich care more for the preservation of your and nourishing. It has one remarkable youth and attractiveness than for your quality—it is absolutely free from tupleasure take not less than the al-lotted eight hours of sleep from the better for infants and children than cows' milk."

